

Four-laning US Highway 12

WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR?

Phase 1 – COMPLETED - August 2004
Four-laning McNary Pool to Attalia
Total Project Cost \$11.2 million

Phase 2 - COMPLETED November 2005
Four-laning SR 124 to McNary Pool
Total Project Cost \$12.3 million

Phase 3 - COMPLETED - October 2007
Four-laning Attalia Vicinity
Total Project Cost \$16.0 million

Phase 4 – IN PROCESS - Spring 2004 to Spring 2010
Wallula Junction to Walla Walla Corridor Study
Estimated Total Project Cost \$5.4 million

Phase 5 – FUTURE CONNECTION
Attalia Vicinity to US 730
Total Cost \$0.8 million

Phase 6 – CONSTRUCTION -Complete Summer 2010
Four-laning Frenchtown Vicinity to Walla Walla
Estimated Total Project Cost \$56.0 million

US 12/SR 124 Intersection – CONSTRUCTION Planned 2011
Build new interchange at US 12 and SR 124
Build new over pass at Humorist Road
Estimated Total Project Cost \$24.2 million
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WHAT WOULD IT COST?

Phase 7A – DESIGN ONLY FUNDED \$3.4 million
Four-laning Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon Vicinity
Estimated Total Project Cost \$74.0 million

Phase 7B – UNFUNDED
Four-laning Woodward Canyon Vicinity to Frenchtown Vicinity
Estimated Total Project Cost \$53.0 million

Phase 8 – UNFUNDED
Four-laning Wallula to Nine Mile Hill
Build new interchange at US 12 and US 730
Estimated Total Project Cost \$235 million
Note: These estimates includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs.

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- 2003 Nickel Gas Tax
- 2005 Transportation Partnership Account (TPA)
- Pre-existing Funds
- Federal Appropriations

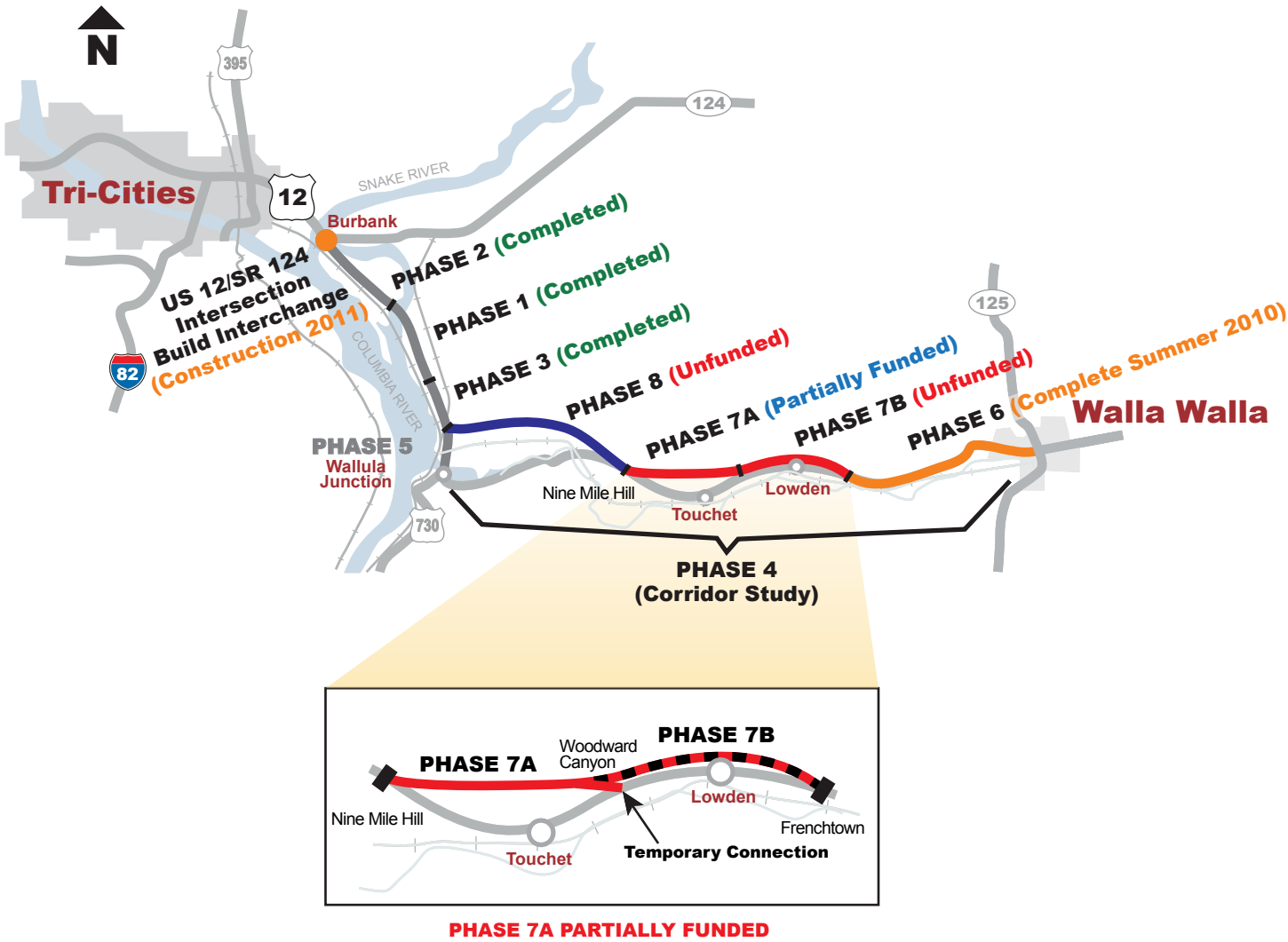
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Highlighting Phases 7 and 8

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US 12/SR 124 Intersection	Build Interchange - \$24.2 million
PHASE 1	McNary Pool to Attalia - \$11.2 million
PHASE 2	SR 124 to McNary Pool - \$12.3 million
PHASE 3	Attalia Vicinity - \$16.0 million
PHASE 4	Wallula Junction to Walla Walla Corridor Study - \$5.4 million
PHASE 5	Attalia Vicinity to US 730 - \$0.8 million (Future Connection)
PHASE 6	Frenchtown Vicinity to Walla Walla - \$56.0 million
PHASE 7	Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity - Partially Funded
PHASE 8	Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Unfunded

US 12 – Wallula to Frenchtown Vicinity – Add Lanes

Four-laning US Highway 12 (Phases 7A, 7B, and 8)



Corridor study background and history.

The US 12 Wallula to Walla Walla corridor study originally considered alignment alternatives and documented environmental impacts for a new four-lane highway from Wallula to Walla Walla. When a portion of the funding became available, WSDOT designed and built the section of US 12, from Frenchtown vicinity to Walla Walla (Phase 6). The remaining portion of the corridor study is developing a recommendation for the final location from Wallula to Frenchtown vicinity, and finalizing the environmental documentation. The new four-lane highway will be north of the existing US 12 highway.

Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon Vicinity (Phase 7A)

Phase 7A is the Touchet portion of the project, from Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon vicinity. WSDOT will build a new intersection in the Nine Mile Hill vicinity to connect the new highway to existing US 12. Crews will build a cul-de-sac on Cummins Road to block direct access to the new US 12. WSDOT will construct bridges to carry US 12 over Touchet North Road. Touchet North Road will connect to US 12 via a new road. This road will begin at the intersection of Touchet North Road and Cummins Road. It will form a T-intersection with US 12 to the southeast. On the east side of Phase 7A, WSDOT will build a temporary connection to the existing US 12 until funding for Phase 7B is available to construct the permanent alignment.

Woodward Canyon Vicinity to Frenchtown Vicinity (Phase 7B)

Phase 7B is the Lowden portion of the project, from Woodward Canyon vicinity to Frenchtown vicinity. Phase 7B will begin where 7A ends and connect with the current construction at Frenchtown, to the east. WSDOT will build intersections at Woodward Canyon Road and Buckley Road. Bridges will carry the new US 12 over Lower Dry Creek Road. Crews will build cul-de-sacs on Nibler Road to block direct access to the new US 12.

Wallula to Nine Mile Hill (Phase 8)

Phase 8 will complete the four lane roadway from Burbank to Walla Walla, connecting to existing US 12, near the Boise Inc. at Wallula. WSDOT will build the roadway north of the Walla Walla River and Wallula. WSDOT will also construct an interchange at the future junction of US 730 and US 12.

What are the next steps?

WSDOT has funding to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA was completed February 2010. The NEPA decision document, or Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) completion is anticipated by the end of September 2010. The US Highway 12 Coalition secured federal funds, available this summer, to design the Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon vicinity (Phase 7A) segment. Currently, there is no funding for right of way acquisition or construction.

Recording the environmental process.

The EA records the evaluation process used to select the preferred alternative and evaluate the potential effects to key social, economic, and natural resources - both negative and positive - of the alternatives. WSDOT engineers make an effort to avoid and minimize negative effects to several resources during the project’s planning and preliminary design phases. Following is a list of the resource reports completed as part of the EA:

Geology and Soils	Air Quality	Public Services and Utilities	Wetlands
Cumulative Effects	Hazardous Materials	Land Use and Farmlands	Water Resources
Biological Resources	Visual Resources	Archaeological, Historical & Cultural	Noise
Transportation	Socio-Economic	Environmental Justice	